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elects to occupy a couch in the cabin rather than pay the small additional sum demanded for a berth, is held, in McWethy v. Detroit, G. R. & W. R. Co. (Mich.), 55 L. R. A. 306, to assume the risk of injury from so doing, through drafts and insufficient covering.

A contract by a porter placed in charge of a sleeping car, to waive his right of action for injuries caused by the negligence of any railroad company by which the car is hauled, or of its servants, is held, in Russell v. Pittsburgh, C. C. & St. L. R. Co. (Ind.), 55 L. R. A. 253, not to be void as against public policy. See 4 Va. Law Register, 556.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD—CONSTRUCTION.—Although a statute prescribes a method of arbitration, it is merely cumulative, and any controversy which might be submitted by a parol agreement to arbitrators, may still be arbitrated as at common law.

Awards are liberally construed. Arbitration is encouraged. An award will not be rejected, if by any fair construction, it can be sustained. It must be construed according to common sense and popular understanding. Certainty to a common intent is all that is required. No intendment will be indulged to overturn an award, but every reasonable intendment will be allowed to uphold it.

Poggenburg v. Conniff (Ky.), 67 S. W. 845. Citing Royse v. McCall, 5 Bush, 697; Thomasson v. Risk, 11 Bush, 621; Brown v. Warnock, 5 Dana, 493.

RAILROADS — NEGLIGENCE — LICENSEES. — An owner's liability for the condition of the premises is only co-extensive with his invitation. Implied invitation is part of the law of negligence from which arises an obligation to use reasonable care. Its essence is that the defendant knew or ought to have known that something that he was doing or permitting to be done might give rise to a natural belief that he had intended that to be done which his conduct had led plaintiff to believe he had intended. It is not enough that the user believed that the use was intended. He must bring his belief home to the owner.

Thus, where plaintiff was engaged in painting a railroad shed, and attempted to pass between two cars, detached from each other and from the rest of the train, standing on a track along side the shed, and was injured, it was *Held*, That no invitation to the plaintiff to make use of the opening between the cars was implied, and that the railroad owed him higher duty than to refrain from acts wilfully injurious. *Furey* v. N. Y. C. &c. Ry. Co. (N. J.), 51 Atl. 505. Citing Sweeney v. Railway Co. 10 Allen, 368, 87 Am. Dec. 644; Railroad Co. v. Reich, 61 N. J. Law, 636, 41 L. R. A. 831, 68 Am. St. Rep. 727.

HOMESTEAD IN MINERAL LANDS.—Coal which underlies lands held as a homestead is a part of the homestead, and is protected from sale to the same extent that the homestead is protected. Russell v. Berry (Ark.), 67 S. W. 864. Per Riddick, J.:

[&]quot;Our State Constitution provides that if the owner of a homestead die, leaving a widow, 'the rents and profits thereof shall vest in her during her natural life,' provided that if the owner leaves children they 'shall share with the widow and be entitled to half the rents and profits till each of them arrives at twenty-one years of age.' Const. 1874, art. 9, sec. 6. Now it has been correctly stated